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****MEDIA ADVISORY****

Wilson's Office to Host Tax Preparation Workshop

Congressman and Community Action Commission of Belmont County team up to help residents file tax returns

Filing a federal tax return is required to receive an economic stimulus rebate check

WHEN: Monday, March 10, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

WHERE: Congressman Wilson's District office
800 Main Street, Bridgeport, Ohio 43912

WHO: U.S. Representative Charlie Wilson

WHAT: Photo & Video Opportunity of citizens getting help preparing their taxes

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However, there are Ohioans who don't owe any taxes and may not normally file a federal tax return, who are still eligible to get a stimulus payment. Working families who earn too little to pay income taxes and seniors whose only income is Social Security are examples of families and individuals who may not normally file a federal tax return because they don't owe any taxes. These are the folks Congressman Wilson is trying to reach. The IRS says that everyone must file a 2007 tax return to receive a stimulus payment.

That's why Wilson and the Community Action Commission of Belmont County are teaming up to hold a tax assistance workshop.

"Some of those families, especially those receiving Social Security and veterans' benefits may not be used to filing a federal tax return. But they need to file a 2007 federal return to get a stimulus payment," Wilson said.

The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2008, at the Bridgeport District Office. The office is located at 800 Main Street in Bridgeport, Ohio. Participants are encouraged to bring all appropriate financial documents.

Congressman Wilson knows this location and time may not be convenient for everyone. For that reason he and his staff have identified additional tax preparation workshops and clinics offered by organizations throughout the Sixth District. The list follows and will also be available on the Congressman's website at <http://www.charliewilson.house.gov/>.

Tax Preparation Assistance is Available

Tax assistance is being offered at locations throughout the district. Find the nearest site and call to make an appointment to receive free assistance:

In the Canfield/Wellsville area:

AARP Sites:

- 1) Canfield Library, 43 W. Main St., Canfield, Ohio 44406 (330) 533-8420
- 2) Austin Library, 600 S. Raccoon Rd, Austintown, Ohio 44515 (330) 792-7224
- 3) Boardman Library, 7680 Glenwood Ave, Youngstown, Ohio 44512 (330) 726-2492
- 4) Senior Citizens Center, 1110 5th Ave, Youngstown, Ohio 44504 (330) 744-5071
- 5) Struthers Public Library, 95 Poland Ave, Struthers, Ohio 44471 (330) 726-2492
- 6) Columbiana County Office on Aging 785 State St., Salem, Ohio 44460 (330) 332-1163

The Ohio Benefit Bank Sites:

- 1) Lutheran Social Services of the Mahoning Valley, 420 Clearmount Drive, Youngstown, Ohio (330) 740-0344
- 2) Stepping into the Future, Inc., 2905 Glenwood Ave., Youngstown, Ohio (330) 259-0279
- 3) Good Hope Lutheran Church, 12030 Market St., North Lima, Ohio (330) 549-2406
- 4) Pointman International Ministries, 243 Main Street, Leetonia, Ohio (330) 427-6909

In the Bridgeport area:

AARP Sites: (None in Jefferson Co.)

- 1) Ohio Valley Mall, Unit 295, St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950 (740) 695-4526
- 2) Colerain Senior Center, State Rt. 250, Colerain, Ohio 43916 (740) 633-6823
- 3) Bellaire Senior Center, 3396 Belmont St., Bellaire, Ohio 43906 (740) 676-9473
- 4) Shadyside Municipal Bldg., Community Rm #6, East 39th Street, Shadyside, Ohio 43947 (740) 676-5972

The Ohio Benefit Bank Sites:

- 1) St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 611 Walnut Street, Martins Ferry, Ohio (740) 633-3611

2) Community Action Commission of Belmont County, 153 ½ West Main St., St. Clairsville, Ohio (740) 695-0293

3) Jefferson County Community Action Council, 114 North 4th St., Steubenville, Ohio (740) 282-0971

In the Marietta area:

AARP Sites:

1) Beverly Public Library, McIntosh St., Beverly, Ohio 45750 (740) 984-4060

2) O'Neill Senior Center, 333 4th Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750 (740) 373-3914

The Ohio Benefit Bank Sites:

1) Caring Connection, 411 Scammel St., Marietta, Ohio (740) 376-9903

2) The Appalachian Nutrition Network, 121 Putnam Street, Suite 108, Marietta, Ohio (740) 376-0088

3) Caldwell Choice Food Pantry, 315 Main Street, Caldwell, Ohio (740) 732-7570

In the Ironton area:

AARP Sites:

1) Park Avenue Apartments - Senior Living (the building our office is located within), 202 Park Ave., Ironton, Ohio 45638 (740) 533-1863

2) Southern Branch Library, 317 Solida Rd, South Point, Ohio 45680 (740) 377-2288

3) Chesapeake Branch Library, 11054 County Rd. 1, Chesapeake, Ohio 45619

The Ohio Benefit Bank Sites:

1) Jackson-Vinton Community Action-Head Start, 1467 State Rt. 93 South, Jackson, Ohio (740) 286-8441

On the Internet:

1) A free internet tax return service can be found on The Ohio Benefit Bank Web site: www.governor.ohio.gov/obb

2) More information on the AARP program can be found at <http://www.aarp.org/money/taxaide>